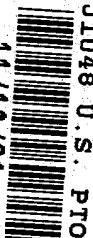


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The application of Ramirez-Vick and Chin ) Examiner: not assigned  
For: **MAGNETIC FIELD ENHANCED )  
HYBRIDIZATION OF TARGET )  
MOLECULES TO IMMOBILIZED )  
PROBES )** **REQUEST FOR FILING A**  
**CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
Serial No.: not assigned ) **UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(b)**  
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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/584,661, filed May 30, 2000, of Jaime E. Rameriz-Vick and Simon Chin, for **MAGNETIC FIELD ENHANCED HYBRIDIZATION OF TARGET MOLECULES TO IMMOBILIZED PROBES**, which is incorporated herein in its entirety.

1. Enclosed is a true copy of the prior complete application as filed, including the specification (including claims), drawings, oath or declaration showing the signature or an indication it was signed, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application.
2. This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above. With respect to the prior copending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120, the inventor(s) in this application is (are):

- /X/ the same as those named in the prior application.
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6. The power of attorney in the prior application is to: **William Schmonsees**.
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8. Documents enclosed:

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